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Date: 6 Jun 94 17:09:28 GMT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!newsrelay.iastate.edu!  
news.iastate.edu!wjturner@uchvax.berkeley.edu  
Subject: "73's"  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Since everyone seems to love arguing about what 73's means exactly and  
also how everything should be written correctly, I just had to say this:

In article <2stqt9\$feh@chnews.intel.com>, cmoore@ilx018.intel.com (Cecil A. Moore  
-FT-~) writes:

|> the list, "73" simply meant "goodbye" in which "best of 73's" would mean  
|> "out of all possible goodbye's, pick out the best one from me to you"...

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goodbye's what?? And who or that is this good bye, anyway, that can own something else?

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Will Turner,  N0RDV      -----
wjturner@iastate.edu    | "Are you going to have any professionalism, |
twp77@isuvax.iastate.edu | or am I going to have to beat it into you?" |
TURNERW@vaxld.ameslab.gov -----
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Subject: \* SpaceNews 06-Jun-94 \*  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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\* SpaceNews 06-Jun-94 \*

BID: \$SPC0606

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SpaceNews  
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MONDAY JUNE 6, 1994

SpaceNews originates at KD2BD in Wall Township, New Jersey, USA. It is published every week and is made available for unlimited distribution.

\* DOVE SPEAKS \*  
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It has been said that good things come to those who wait, and this week it is a pleasure to report that DOVE-OSCAR-17 is uttering its first words! Congratulations to Jim White, WD0E, and the other spacecraft controllers for their fine effort in bringing this injured satellite back to life.

\* MIR INFORMATION \*

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Sven Grahm of Sollentuna, Sweden provided the following information regarding the frequencies and emissions used by the Mir space station.

Sven reports the signals on 166 MHz are PCM FM signals and the modulation index is so high that two peaks appear in the signal spectrum, one on each side of the carrier. The carrier is on 166.000 MHz creating a signal peak at 166.150 MHz and another peak at 165.850 MHz.

The signals from Soyuz and Progress on 922.75 MHz contain a carrier plus telemetry sidebands. The modulation type is unknown. Sometimes tones are frequency modulated on the carrier. These contain sixteen-bit words, which probably constitute a command verification link. There is a similar link from Soyuz and Progress on 926.07 MHz operating simultaneously with the 922.75 MHz link.

For Progress and Soyuz, the 922, 926 and 166 MHz signals are switched on simultaneously by ground command.

[Info via Sven Grahm]

\* UNAMSAT-1 NEWS \*

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The launch campaign for the UNAMSAT-1 MicroSat is currently underway with launch set for 15th June, but there is a possibility that it might be delayed about one week. The launch will be on a refurbished Soviet SS-18 ICBM designed to carry satellites. The final Keplerian elements of the intended orbit are not known, but the known parameters are as follows:

Orbital Inclination = 73 degrees

Altitude = 730 KM

Orbital Eccentricity = 0.00000000

The satellite will separate from the rocket with no spin. All transmitters will be silent at separation and for a period of at least 1 hour. The VHF receive antenna and the two halves of the canted dipole for 40.997 MHz will be collapsed and then they will be deployed 3 minutes after separation.

The following information was first published in mid-1992, but may have changed since:

As with the earlier MICROSATs, UNAMSAT-1 it has five modules, each about 20 cm on a side. Four of the five modules are updated clones of existing MicroSat hardware/software carrying Dual 70cm PSK transmitters; a computer and power system; a 5-channel 2M FSK receiver and running similar software to the other MICROSATs. The main differences from the earlier MicroSat configuration are that the computer will have 4 MB of RAM instead of 8 MB and UNAMSAT-1 will be equipped with Gallium Arsenide solar panels.

The innovative new addition is a brand new on-board experiment in the 5th "TSFR" ("This Space For Rent") module:

UNAMSAT-1's primary mission is to act as meteor sounder. It will contain a 40.097 MHz transmitter with 60 watts output during pulses from which can be varied from 1 to 10 msec in duration and with a pulse repetition rate of 1 to 10 seconds, as controlled by a computer subsystem. The meteor echoes will be detected on a receiver at the same frequency designed to detect the returned echo and measure its doppler shift. The use of the meteor sounder is to obtain research data on the full-sky spatial and velocity distribution of meteors, with the focus on a search for high-velocity meteors originating outside our solar system.

The 40 MHz frequency for this transmitter is in accordance with the ITU frequency allocations table for scientific research and both the 40 MHz and amateur frequencies have been licensed by Mexican authorities.

The meteor receiver is an SSB "zero-IF" design and the return echoes are digitized and stored in the normal computer's RAM. After each pulse, the spectrum of the received signal will be determined using the onboard computer as a DSP Fourier Transform spectrum analyzer. If a meteor echo is detected, the echo will be saved for later transmission as a special telemetry frame.

The 1-10 second repetition rate for the meteor transmitter will be adjusted depending on the state of charge of the batteries and other spacecraft power requirements, and also on the time domain requirements of the echoes.

When UNAMSAT-1 is not involved in meteor research, it can be turned into a standard PACSAT message store-and-forward satellite and data will be sent using standard amateur AX.25 packet but the actual frequencies haven't been determined yet.

[Info via Richard, G3RWL @ GB7HSN.#32.GBR.EU]

★ LUSAT-1 NEWS ★

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The following packet frame was received from LUSAT-1 on 29-May-94 by KD2BD

in New Jersey at 16:11 UTC:

LUSAT-1>AMARG [29-05-94 16:11:21] <UI>:

May 21.

OBC crashed on May 17 at +/- 2:45 utc, lat 45s, lon 43 w.  
Only digipeater is available.

LU8DYF, LO-19 command station.

Raw telemetry should be directed to Noberto, LU8DYF either via packet radio at LU8DYF@LU8DYF.BA.ARG.SOAM, via the Internet at lu8dyf@asarin.org.ar, or via any active Pacsat by directing the message to LU8DYF. Special awards are available to those who submit telemetry reports.

\* REPORT FROM HI8 \*

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Bill Meara, N2CQR/HI8 in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic sent a FAX to let everyone know that there is a small but enthusiastic group of satellite operators in his country. Pericles, HI8P, a lifetime member of AMSAT, and others have recently been bit by the RS satellite bug. They also listen for DOVE, connect to Mir, and work the SAREX experiments when flown on the US Space Shuttles.

Bill reports that RS-10 and RS-12 are performing well, and that QSLs for ROBOT contacts are available through DF4XW. Bill uses an old Hallicrafters HT-37 transmitter and Drake 2-B receiver with dipole antennas to work RS-12 Mode K. His station is just another example of a low-cost, low-frills station that can be used to make satellite contacts.

\* FO-20 NEWS \*

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On 19-May-94, the FO-20 command station announced that a problem exists in FO-20's onboard computer system. The satellite's transponder will remain in the analog mode (JA) until further notice.

[Info via Kazu Sakamoto, JJ1WTK]

\* THANKS! \*

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Thanks to all those who sent messages of appreciation to SpaceNews, especially:

N2CQR/HI8    N2OFM    G3BGM    KE4HSB    VK4BY    N0LBN

\* FEEDBACK/INPUT WELCOMED \*

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Lincroft, NJ 07738 \* \/\ \* Morse : -. -.. ..--- -... -..

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Date: Mon, 06 Jun 1994 17:06:06 EDT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org!usenet@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: ARLB050 Atlantic Division awards  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB050  
ARLB050 Atlantic Division awards

ZCZC AG15  
QST de W1AW  
ARRL Bulletin 50 ARLB050

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Date: 6 Jun 1994 09:42:25 -0400  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!math.ohio-state.edu!  
magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!csn!col.hp.com!news.dtc.hp.com!hpscit.sc.hp.com!

hpuerci.atl.hp.com!hpuerca!edh@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: IDing  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In <940603122524292@michaelr.com> ray.wade@michaelr.com (RAY WADE) writes:

>The foundation of the misuse of C.W. prosigns (NOT abbreviations) has  
>only occurred in the past 10 years or so when former CB operator's  
>got their Amateur tickets and brought their misused and butchered CB  
>lingo into the hobby. This, BTW, is not a condemnation of the many

Let me get this straight: amateur prosigns are misused because former  
CB ops came into the hobby and misused/butchered CB lingo. Right.

>they tend to revert to their old lingo. Just listen to any  
>repeater when two (or more) brand new codeless techs talk to each other.

And codeless tech = former CBer! Wow.

>CQ is NOT a CW abbreviation. Consult any radio amateurs handbook.  
>"Q" signals (CQ is not a Q signal) are "prosigns" used when operating

CQ is NOT an abbreviation or Q signal. Ok.

>C.W. to shorten a transmission ON CW! Few, if any, Q signals shorten

Shorten a cw transmission? I see. So that explains it! We understand  
now why a bonafide cw op must send:

CQ CQ CQ CQ CQ CQ de AA1AAA de AA1AAA AA1AAA CQ CQ CQ  
and:

QTH? QTH? QTH HERE IS CENTRAL OKKKEE EEEE OKEEFF EEEE OK BT FL FL  
FLORIDA COPY? CP CP?

To be fair, things DO get short when you try to carry on a conversation:  
You say: NICE CONDITIONS HERE TODAY AND I REALLY ENJOY IT WHEN THE WEATHER  
COOPERATES SO NEATLY. HOW ARE THINGS AT YOUR END?  
He says: FB FB GUD CP GT QSY SK

I'm impressed.

Ray, et al., lighten UP! If such things as hearing "73" or "73s"  
on a repeater bother you so much, relax, take a deep breath, and  
set the example you would like to hear (and never berate! new  
amateurs are nervous enough without getting verbal abuse on the  
air!). If someone directs "what's your QTH" your direction, just  
smile to yourself (feel superior if you must), and gently reply:  
"I'm driving down route 75 right now just enjoying the ride. Where

are you at and are you doing anything special?"

There, don't you feel better already? :-)

Cheers, Best Regards, Chow, and so on.  
Ed Humphries - N5RCK (classic)  
Hewlett Packard NARC Atlanta GA

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Date: Mon, 6 Jun 1994 14:31:23 GMT  
From: newsgate.melpar.esys.com!melpar!phb@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: IDing  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

edh@hpuerca.atl.hp.com (Ed Humphries) writes:

>In <940603122524292@michaelr.com> ray.wade@michaelr.com (RAY WADE) writes:

>>The foundation of the misuse of C.W. prosigns (NOT abbreviations) has  
>>only occurred in the past 10 years or so when former CB operator's

I'm not sure I follow all the complaints related to this thread.  
Having been licensed since 1957, and having operated extensively on  
75 meter phone during the 1958-64 time period, I can state with absolute  
certainty that many, many CW abbreviations were in use on 'phone and  
even on 'phone traffic nets. Examples:

"QTH here is....."

"Handle here is....."

"QSL number 47, QRV." (station verifying receipt of one piece of  
traffic and indicating readiness for the next piece.)

"W4XYZ, QRU" (typical check-in to a voice net by a station with no traffic)

"Let's QSY to....."

"Roger, Old Man, well, the XYL just rang the dinner bell, so we'd  
better QRT here and put on the feed bag. We'll say 73 from here  
and hope tomorrow there won't be so much QRM, although they're  
predicting thunderstorms so we'll probably have to put up with  
some Q-R-nancy, Hi Hi. Best of DX and catch you later, and thanks  
for the Que-so."

I'm not saying that the above is right, proper, acceptable, or even  
couth. But I'm at a loss to understand the desire on the part of so



many (apparently) vocal operators to suddenly force the use of 'correct English' on the air as opposed to slang. Personally, I've always liked "ham slang" on voice, but if someone chooses not to use it that's OK, too.

I'd rather see "CB slang" used on CB only, and ex-CBers revert to "ham slang" on the ham bands, but as long as they know what they're talking about and they're not using "profane, indecent or suggestive" verbage, does it really matter?

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"You can have my bug when you can pry my cold, dead fingers from around it....." - anonymous radiotelegraph operator

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Subject: Info-Hams Digest V94 #635  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Subject: "73's"

dubner@spk.hp.com wrote:

>WELL GOT THE CALL FROM MY WIFE AS SHE NEEDS HELP WILL TALK TO YOU  
>LATER.... TAKE CARE 73'S YOU DISCONNECT...  
>[ Yeah, sure! When was the last time he helped the YF? Do you really  
>believe he'd quit playing radios just to help the YF?]

Joe,  
If "OF" stands for Old Fart, does "YF" stand for Young Fart?!?

bobpriez@selu.edu

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Subject : Re: 440 in So. Cal.

>Applicant A should receive a frequency pair which minimizes interference.  
>If no frequency pair can be found that can do that, s/he should be  
>denied a pair.  
>MD

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Come now, lets speak consistent PC-"ness" :-)

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s/h/it

bobpriez@selu.edu

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Date: 6 Jun 94 20:27:30 GMT  
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!usc!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!lll-winken.llnl.gov!  
unixhub!SHADOWFX.SLAC.Stanford.EDU!mgb@ucbvax.berkeley.edu  
Subject: Legal Protections for Hams  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2sgvqj\$4pr@spool.cs.wisc.edu> jhanson@yar.cs.wisc.edu (Jason Hanson) writes:

>Xref: unixhub rec.radio.amateur.policy:10668 rec.radio.amateur.misc:60301  
>Path: unixhub!lll-winken.llnl.gov!uwm.edu!daffy!uwwax!yar.cs.wisc.edu!jhanson  
>From: jhanson@yar.cs.wisc.edu (Jason Hanson)  
>Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.ham-radio  
>Subject: Legal Protections for Hams  
>Date: 1 Jun 1994 03:37:55 GMT  
>Organization: University of Wisconsin  
>Lines: 17  
>Message-ID: <2sgvqj\$4pr@spool.cs.wisc.edu>  
>NNTP-Posting-Host: yar.cs.wisc.edu

>I am a candidate for the Wisconsin legislature this fall and (as an Extra who  
>cares about ham radio concerns) would like to prepare a sheet for my district's  
>ham population. What I am interested in is ideas for state laws that hams  
>would appreciate...

>Ideas I have so far include:

>1) Opposition to scanner/radio bans, etc.  
>2) Adoption of PRB-1 (with possible revisions) into statutory form (I know  
>about federal preemption, but this would make cases easier for hams...)  
>3) Developing stronger partnerships between state and ARES/RACES, etc.

>Any input (or money <grin>) you could provide would be appreciated!

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>Jason J. Hanson | 22 Langdon Street #220 | (608) 256-1004  
>Univ. of Wisconsin | Madison, WI 53703-1344 | Ham: N9LEA (Extra)  
>-- jhanson@yar.cs.wisc.edu =\*+\*+\*= n9lea@wd9esu.#scwi.wi.usa.noam --

There was a case in California where a ham with CAP/MARS capability on  
his HT called - after attempting to get help on ham band - for aid on a police  
frequency. His companion was badly injured due to a fall, and he was in a  
remote area. The ham had his radio confiscated by the police in conjunction

with the FCC. I found the idea that the ham was being punished for attempting to save a life totally uncalled for, and legislation recognizing special circumstances where a radio operator could use "unauthorized" bands without worrying about being subjected to harrasment later, would be very helpful.

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Date: 6 Jun 94 19:51:52 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: need MFJ-941-D tuner manual  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Text item: Text\_1

>I got a used MFJ-941D versa tuner II and do not have the manual ...  
>73s de jerry N3RKD

Hi Jerry, send me your snail-mail address and I'll mail you a copy.

73, KG7BK, CecilMoore@delphi.com (I do not speak for Intel)

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Date: 6 Jun 1994 22:05:12 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!lll-winken.llnl.gov!korie!  
newsworthy.West.Sun.COM!abyss.West.Sun.COM!spot!myers@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Reality check (was Re: Ham Radio few p  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article KnI@news.Hawaii.Edu, jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeffrey Herman) writes:

>In article <rogjdCqunyu.4rC@netcom.com> rogjd@netcom.com (Roger Buffington) writes:

>>Jeffrey Herman (jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu) wrote:

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>>: I knew the Defender of Radio Lawbreakers would eventually surface. You  
>>: came to Bly's defense in December when he bragged about operating  
>>: without a license, and now in June Bly resurfaces and so do you.

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>>Oh, come on, this is silly and asinine. Linking Dana to Bly when what he  
>>is really doing is offering a well-reasoned response on the subject of  
>>this thread.

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>You're new on here so let me fill you in:

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>1. One fellow was bragging about how he was going to place a 5 kW broadcast  
>band transmitter on the ham bands and about how he didn't care about the

>FCC rules, etc. - I scolded him - Dana came to his defense.

The fellow that suggested he was going to move a 5KW transmitter over to the amateur bands did not say he was going to operate the transmitter at the 5KW level. Nonetheless, Jeff attacked him and I said "but he didn't say he was going to break the law" and then Jeff decided I was a lawbreaker. As I recall, after Jeff's attack, the amateur with the 5KW transmitter said he intends to operate it legally.

>2. Bly bragged about how easy it is to operate in SoCal without a license  
>and that he'd done it for years - I scolded him - Dana came to his defense.

Yeah, I said something like "just cause Bly said he did it, doesn't mean he did, we just don't know on the Internet". I recall it was part of a train of thought on my part suggesting that Jeff ought to ignore Bly's posts, since they are similar to a radio jammer. They tend to go away if you ignore them.

>3. Someone was inviting pirates to use 6 Mc air-to-ground frequencies - I  
>argued with him about the danger of that - Dana came to his defense.

No, someone, in Europe, on rec.radio.cb, said they'd monitored CB pirates on 6MHz. Jeff wrote a note slamming the original poster, who, for all we know, is an SWL, and Jeff threatened to call the FCC and report the original poster. My response was an attempt to point out that not all radio amateurs are as uptight as this.

>4. Bly now brags about jamming closed 440 Mc repeaters - I scold him -  
>Dana shows up.

Yeah, I show up to defend the VHF/UHF scene in Southern California, not Roger Bly. Did I ever defend Bly? Not on your life. Did I suggest that Bly's postings may not be indicative of reality in Southern Cal? Sure did!

I've said it before, I'll say it again:

I do *\*not\** condone breaking the law.

I do *\*not\** condone unwarranted personal attacks on the Usenet.

I do *\*not\** have a history of illegal radio operation.

Probably I should treat the attacks from Jeff as I would any other malicious jamming and ignore them. ;-)

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\* Dana H. Myers KK6JQ, DoD#: j | Views expressed here are

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\* (310) 348-6043 | mine and do not necessarily \*

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\* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests \*

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Date: 6 Jun 94 20:53:53 GMT  
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!kabuki.EECS.Berkeley.EDU!  
kennish@ucbvax.berkeley.edu  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <gregCqwoCC.HoD@netcom.com>, <2stc0n\$4fc@nyx10.cs.du.edu>,  
<1994Jun6.160925.23110@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>≤  
Subject : Re: 440 in So. Cal.

OK, I've seen the SAME bits of information go around and around  
and around..... My summary:

1) All repeaters are CLOSED. The FCC has said so, and the  
new Form 610 says so also. YOU MUST PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED  
PERSONS FROM ACCESS. So, putting up a repeater and not controlling  
what goes on is or will soon be possibly in violation.

2) What is important is the definition of OPEN vs. CLOSED.  
"OPEN" just means that the trustee has in effect given prima  
facie carte blanche permission for any operator to use the  
equipment. CLOSED means that the trustee would like to exercise  
some control over who uses the equipment. Given (1) above,  
it would seem that "OPEN" repeaters are on the way out.

3) Licensed amateurs may operate their equipment in  
on any frequency, subject to the restrictions of Part 97,  
specifically 97.301, 97.305 and related sections. This means  
that you may use the input and output of the repeater for  
your own purpose PROVIDED you don't cause harmful interference  
with the repeater.

4) The trustee has the right to limit use of the repeater as  
he/she deems necessary. "....Limiting the use of a repeater  
to only certain user stations is permissible." (97.205e)  
This extends to different classes of access -- allowing  
general phone use, but restricting autopatch to a select  
few, etc.

5) You may put up a repeater in any part of the amateur  
spectrum within the restrictions of 97.205. However, if you  
cause interference to another repeater, and you are not  
coordinated, the regulations place PRIMARY responsibility  
on the uncoordinated repeater.

6) The frequency COORDINATOR cannot make any judgements as to whether one repeater is "better" than another. He/she can only help determine whether a proposed installation will cause harmful interference. Remember, it is the trustee's responsibility to minimize interference. The ID of the repeater and responsibility of Part 97 belongs with the trustee -- you don't hear the call of the coordinator going over the repeater, do you?

7) Spectrum management is a different issue from coordination. Coordinators work within the guidelines of the spectrum management group. 97.101b states that amateurs are responsible for working with each other to maximize the effective use of amateur frequencies. Thus, amateurs as a whole have the power to determine frequency use (band plan) within the specific rules in Part 97. This means that if amateurs in a given area as whole wish to redefine use of spectrum, it appears that the rules allow it, provided they agree.

8) There is plenty of spectrum in 1280 MHZ band, even in SoCal. Population of the upper bands is desirable so that we as amateurs don't lose more spectrum. Watch what is going on in 2400.

9) "Paper" repeaters are a problem with the coordinating body. A good coordinating body should have a mechanism to determine inactive repeaters and a formal procedure to de-coordinate them. If the problem is with "paper" repeaters, then the coordinating body needs to do something about it. This is DIFFERENT than a closed repeater.

My two cents....

-Ken

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Date: (null)  
From: (null)

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